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SUBJECT: BEN SEDDIK ON POLITICAL SITUATION

1. UNION MAROCAINE DU TRAVAIL (UMT) SECGEN MAHJOUB BEN SEDDIK
TOLD LABOFF IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 11 THAT UMT AND UNFP
"CONDITIONS" FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ARE
UNCHANGED. THIS REFERS TO THREE CONDITIONS FORMALLY ENUNCIATED
AT RECENT UNFP CONGRESS, I.E.;

A. INSTALLATION OF A REFORM GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE
ELECTIONS DURING A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWO YEARS;

B. REVISION OF ELECTION LISTS;

C. RESTORATION OF POLITICAL LIBERTIES.

BEN SEDDIK GAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT UNFP, WHICH HE
DOMINATES, INTENDS OR HAS EVEN BEEN ASKED PARTICIPATE IN
ANY NEW MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT.

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2. THERE DOES SEEM TO BE SOME CHANGE IN BEN SEDDIK'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SPANISH SAHARA, HOWEVER. IN PAST HE HAS ALWAYS PLAYED LUKEWARM LIP SERVICE TO GOM CAMPAIGN TO "RECOVER" SAHARA. IN RECENT WEEKS UMT DAILY PAPER HAS TAKEN NOTICEABLY MORE MILITANT TONE, AND BEN DEDDIK'Y CONVERSATION THE OTHER NIGHT FOLLOWED SAME LINE. IT IS HARD TO SAY WHAT SIGNIFICANCE THIS SLIGHT SHIFT HAS, BUT IT IS EVIDENT THAT UNT/UNFP LEADERS FEELING MORE AND MORE UNCOMFORTABLE IN THEIR CURRENT POLITICAL ISOLATION.
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